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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Katsumi AMANO, Shisei CHO, Soichi TOYAMA and  
Hiroyuki ISHIHARA  
SPEECH SYNTHESIS METHOD  
Our Ref. Q61111

Dear Sir:

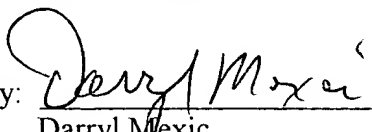
Attached hereto is the application identified above including sixteen (16) sheets of the specification, claims and six (6) sheets of informal drawings. **The requisite U.S. Government Filing Fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	4 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1 - 3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$710.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>							<b>\$710.00</b>

Priority is claimed from October 15, 1999 based on JP Application No. 11-294357. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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